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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Japanese documents were cited in a Japanese Office Action in a counterpart Japanese Application issued August 23, 2005.

The concise explanation of the relevance of the Japanese documents is found in the English

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Abstracts attached thereto and the attached English translation of the Japanese Office Action thereof. A copy of each of the listed foreign documents is attached.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

# STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

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